

IN THE DRAWINGS

Fig. 7 has been added.

REMARKS

Examiner Randall Chin has objected to the drawings, asserting that Fig. 7 is missing.

The applicant has added claim 7.

The Examiner has objected to original claim 1, asserting that “groove” should read –grooves– on line 7, and has objected to original claim 9, asserting that “two” should be deleted from line 2 for clarity.

The applicant has amended claim 1 in order to replace “groove” with “grooves” as required by the Examiner. The applicant has amended claim 9 in order to delete “two” as required by the Examiner.

The Examiner has rejected original claims 1-3, 5-7 and 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 102, asserting that they are clearly anticipated by Powers. However, the Examiner has recognized the allowable subject matter of the claims by asserting that claims 4, 8 and 13 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The applicant has amended claim 1 in order to include all of the limitations of original claims 1 and 4. The applicant however has not included the limitations of original claim 3 in amended claim 1 in belief that they would otherwise impose too many limitations on amended claim 1 and that it is not the Examiner’s intention to impose numeric limitations on the scope of the present invention. Therefore, the applicant believes amended claim 1 complies with the Examiner’s requirements and is patentable in view of Powers.

Claims 2, 3, 5-7 and 9-12 should be allowed for depending on amended claim 1 that is deemed allowable.

Claims 8 and 13 have been canceled, thus removing the objections thereto.

Claim 14 has been added. Added claim 14 includes the limitations of original claims 1 and 8 and is in independent form. Hence, added claim 14 is believed to include the subject matter recognized by the Examiner to be patentable and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claim 15 has been added. Added claim 15 includes the limitations of original claims 1 and 13 and is in independent form. The applicant however has not included the limitations of original claim 12 in added claim 15 in belief that they would otherwise impose too many limitations on added claim 15 and that it is not the Examiner's intention to impose the limitations about "mounting portion" on the scope of the present invention. Hence, added claim 15 is believed to include the subject matter recognized by the Examiner to be patentable and is believed to be in condition for allowance.

The Examiner has cited the patents listed in NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED as A and C. By the lack of application of this reference and others like it within the classes or subclasses searched, the Examiner apparently recognizes the clear patentability of the present invention over any of these references.

Since claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-12, 14 and 15 of the present application, as amended or added, include limitations directed to the features of the applicant's brush which are neither shown, described, taught, nor alluded to in the cited references, alone or in combination, as indicated by the

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Examiner, the Examiner is requested to allow the pending claims of the present application and to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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